(v) Deterrent punishment to those found responsible for accidents due to gross negligence.

(vi) Educational campaigns for the staff and publicity for the road users.

(vii) Induction of sophisticated technology as a counter-check to human lapses.

(viii) Improved maintenance of Track and Rolling Stock.

Legislation for Equal Rights for Women Property

2695. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring in a comprehensive legislation regarding the rights of women in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to incorporate an idea of equal rights for women in property and inheritance, as has been done in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Question does not arise, Sir.

Frequent change in the scheduled flights of IA in the Southern Sector

2696. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for frequent changes in the scheduled of Indian Airlines flights in the Southern Sector in the recent past;

(b) whether Government are aware that due to cancellation of Indian Airlines flights connecting Hyderabad Vijayawada and Tirupati on five days a week, passengers in pilgrim town of Tirupati and commercial town of Vijayawada are put to great hardships; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps would be taken to mitigate these hardships?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) to (c) Due to grounding of two HS—748 (Avro) aircraft with effect from 30-6-1988, some changes have been made by Indian Airlines in Avro schedule operating in Southern sector. As there in an acute shortage of Avro aircraft capacity, it is not possible at present to increase the frequency of IC-548/547 service on Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Tirupati-Madras sector.

Major Port Projects

2697. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major port projects which are likely to be taken up in the near future;

(b) whether any foreign funding is likely to be involved: and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A list of the major port projects likely to be taken up in the near future is attached.

(b) and (c) Asian Development Bank have shown interest in funding the projects of Bombay, Visakhapatnam and Tuticorin ports. The details are not finalised. Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan have extended loan assistance to the projects at Haldia. Japan (MON Group) have shown interest in funding the deepening project of Visakhapatnam port to receive ore carriers upto 1,70,000 DWT size. A Detailed Project Report has been commissioned.

List

I. List of Major Port Projects included in 7th Plan and likely to be taken up in near future.

Bombay Port Trust:

1. Provision of Container Handling Facilities.

2. Replacement of Pir Pau Oil Pier.

Calcutta Port Trust: (Haldia Docks)

1. Strengthening of Existing Oil Jetty at Haldia.

2. Augmentation of existing Container Handling Terminal, Haldia.

Visakhapatnam Port Trust:

1. Conversion of W.J. 2 and W.J. 3 into regular Quay berths.

2. Upgradation of Ore Handling facilities to handle 1,70,000 DWT Ore Carriers.

Tuticorin Port Trust:

1. Construction of Second Coal Jetty.

II. *Other Major Projects*:

(i) Asian Development Bank have shown interest in fundling the scheme of Provision of Port Facilities at Paradip and Ennore (near Madras) for the movement of Coastal Thermal Coal. A Detailed Feasibility Report with the Dutch Assistance has been commissioned.

(ii) For the development of Paradip Port to receive Ore Carriers upto 1,70,000 DWT, a Detailed Project Report has been commissioned with part assistance from M/s. Hyundai Corporation of South Korea.

Inadequacy of Equipments for Handling Container Traffic at Bombay

2698. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay Port Trust is losing revenue worth lacs of rupees due to inadequacy of equipment and spares for handling container traffic;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to this export trade of the country is adversely affected; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken to remedy the situation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Bombay Port handles container traffic through its own and private equipment. The total container traffic including exports and imports handled by Bombay Port is steadily increasing over the years.

Bombay Port has drawn up a Scheme for modernisation of container handling facilities.

Reconstruction of railway bridges

2699. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps Government are taking to reconstruct the bridges and the railway tracks whose life span has ended and whose condition has been declared as dilapidated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): Bridges do not require construction solely on the basis of age as they do not have any definite life span. As a matter of policy, rebuilding/rehabilitation is taken up on strength consideration in the case of bridge superstructures and on condition basis in the case of substructures. About 300 to 350 such bridges are rehabilitated every year.

Track is renewed based on condition as well as the traffic carried. During 7th Five Year Plan 21,000 Kms. of track is planned for renewal.

Health Cards for All Residents of Delhi

2700 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce health cards for all residents of Delhi;